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SUBJECT: DRV-JAPAN NEGOTIATIONS

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1. FONOFF FIRST SE ASIA DIV DIRECTOR HANABUSA INFORMED
EMBASSY THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS IN TALKS WITH DRV IN
VIENTIANE SINCE LATE OCTOBER MEETING WHEN DRV PRESENTED
DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOR CONCLUSION OF TALKS. (REPORTED REFTEL)
DRAFT CONTAINED UNACCEPTABLE CALL FOR GOJ TO FACILITATE
PRG REPS ENTRY INTO JAPAN. AT SINGLE MEETING HELD SINCE
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THEN, GOJ NEGOTIATORS ASKED DRV REPS TO CLARIFY WHAT WAS

ESSENTIAL IN THEIR DRAFT. DRV NEGOTIATOR RETURNED TO HANOI, WHERE HE PRESUMABLY REMAINS. JAPANESE DO NOT KNOW WHEN NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT RESUME. HANABUSA SAID NORTH VIETNAMESE APPEAR TO BE SURPRISED THAT JAPAN IS IN NO HURRY TO OPEN EMBASSY, BUT FACT IS "DRV NEEDS JAPAN FAR MORE THAN JAPAN NEEDS HANOI."

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HANABUSA WAS CONFIDENT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN JAPAN'S INDOCHINA POLICY AS RESULT OF CABINET CHANGE, AND WE AGREE, CONCLUSION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH HANOI IS OBVIOUSLY AN AREA WHERE GOJ COULD SCORE POINTS OVER OPPOSITION. THUS, FONOFF MAY BE URGED TO PUSH NEGOTIATIONS BUT WE DOUBT THAT THIS WOULD INVOLVE ANY POLICY CHANGE TOWARD PRG.
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